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**From:** Purchia, Liz  
**Sent:** Wed 8/19/2015 9:33:26 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Answers to media inquiry - please review

Melissa and Nancy Grantham are aware

**From:** Purchia, Liz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 5:30 PM  
**To:** Mitchell, Stacey  
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No, but checking with Monica and Melissa.

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Hey – are you aware these are being worked up?

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**From:** Ward, W. Robert  
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**To:** Mitchell, Stacey; Michaud, John

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Again, just making sure you are getting these from the EOC. Thanks, Bob

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**To:** Card, Joan; Ward, W. Robert

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FYI for your review as well. Trying to get the right order of review here.

Suggestions on #4 appreciated.

Lisa

**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 2:28 PM  
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This will go to JIC/UC and HQ EOC but wanted to get a internal R8 review. (Steve Way will probably need to see it).

Draft Responses to Epoch Times inquiry

Due 8/19/2015

1. Did the wastewater from the Red and Bonita mine get pushed into the Gold King Mine?

**Deliberative Process/Ex. 5**

2. What prompted the assessment - Was this a routine thing, consistent with the EPA's efforts to clean up other mines in the area?

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3. What was the deciding factor that led to the assessment on Aug. 5, 2015?

## **Deliberative Process/Ex. 5**

4. What is the plan going forward regarding the plethora of leaky mines in Silverton and throughout Colorado? Will Good Samaritans be deployed to continue the cleanup or will the EPA continue to lead the efforts?

## **Deliberative Process/Ex. 5**

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5. A previous study indicates this mine was considered a high priority for clean up. When was the last time it was assessed? Were there any prior attempts to clean it?

# Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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